(c) and (d) 10 complaints about irregularities in the implementation of PMGSY in Assam have been reported. In 4 cases, National Quality Monitors (NQMs) were deputed for enquiry and their reports have been sent to the State Government for appropriate action. 6 complaints have been sent to the State Government for enquiry and appropriate action as per programme guidelines.

Provision of direct subsidy to farmers

†378. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is being proposed to provide 'Direct Subsidy' to farmers;

(b) if so, whether land records are being prepared for this purpose; and

(c) the details of procedure being adopted to provide 'Direct Subsidy' to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No Sir, there is no proposal to provide 'Direct Subsidy' to farmers.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

ARWSP in Rajasthan

379. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) in Rajasthan, is being undertaken with the assistance of Central Government;

(b) the details of such schemes as on today, category-wise and achievements thereof;

(c) the total revised estimates for the above schemes and total Central assistance as on today, category-wise;

(d) whether Rajasthan sought high allocation for completion of the schemes within three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is a Centrally Sponsored Programme and is being implemented by Rajasthan. Funds are allocated to the States every year as per the inter-state allocation ratio fixed for the year. The States are competent to approve schemes in conformity with ARWSP Guidelines. Details of Proposals received and cleared by the States are not maintained by Government of India.

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During 2008-09 Rajasthan has been allocated Rs. 97013.00 lakh under ARWSP and Rs. 90796.00 lakh has already been released. A statement showing the target and coverage of habitations by Rajasthan during the last three years and current year is given (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Rajasthan Government has sent a proposal for additional release of Rs. 630.00 crore to be spent during the current financial year for completing the on-going drinking water supply projects under Bharat Nirman. Such proposals for additional allocations are considered at the end of the financial year, based on the availability of savings, trend in expenditure and absorption capacity of the State.

Statement

Target and Achievement of Habitations under Rural Water Supply Programme during last three years and current year in Rajasthan

Year	Target				Achievements			
	Uncovered	Slipped back	Quality affected	Total	Uncovered	Slipped back	Quality affected	Total
2005-06	2033	6862	1057	9952	423	12827	96	13346
2006-07	527	1326	1000	2853	365	6625	1000	7990
2007-08	677	9230	9216	19123	643	3340	16986	20969
2008-09*	869	10888	13897	25654	253	1876	1719	3848

*As on January, 2009

Applications filed by India under Patent Cooperation Treaty

†380. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patent applications have been filed by India between 2004 and 2008 under Patent Cooperation Treaty;

(b) if so, the number of applications filed by representatives of India in each year of the above period; and

(c) the number of patents obtained by representatives of India in each year of the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Monthly Statistics, January, 2009 available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), namely,

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